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REFUGE OUT FOR GREEK ACES

No Greek stars will be allowed to seek and receive a temporary "soccer asylum" in Australia after their June tour.

— By Con Nikolopoulos

The ASF and its Greek equivalent, the EPO, have agreed that none of the Greek internationals will be permitted to stay on as guest players.

Several — if not all — Greek — based PSL clubs had hopes of enticing, with a drachma or two, some of the visiting aces.

However, the Greek Association has agreed to the tour only after the ASF's undertaking that the party arrives and leaves intact.

Mike Weinstein, who was instrumental in negotiating the tour, said this week that Greece will come with its full national side.

There will be 26 players and officials in the party, which lands at Tullamarine, Melbourne, at 5.20 am on June 8.

The three internationals will be on June 11 (Melbourne), June 14 (Adelaide) and June 18 (Sydney).

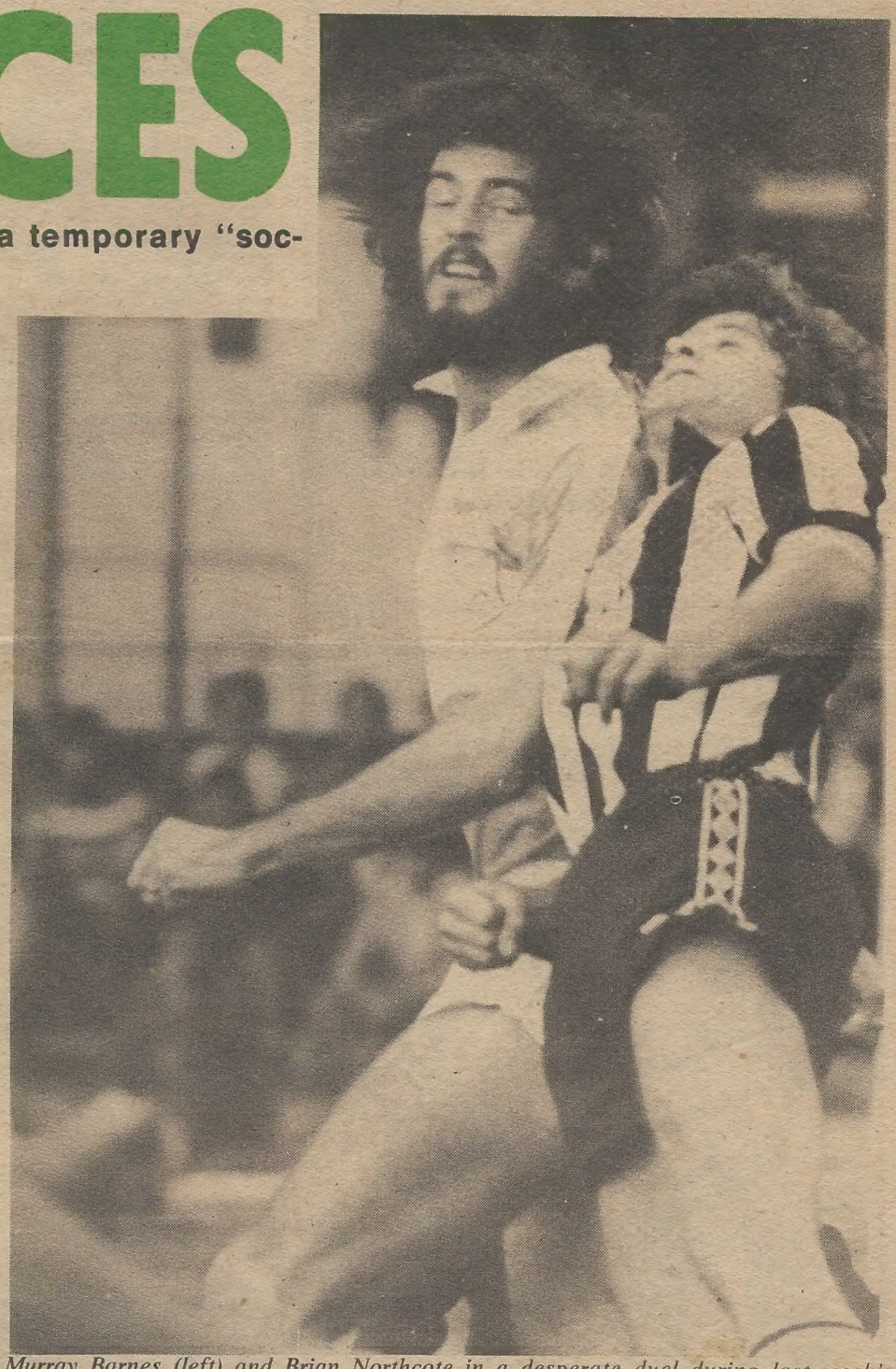
A special social function will be arranged for the visiting team, probably in Sydney just before their last match.

Meanwhile, the off-again-on-again visit by the crack Hajduk Split team from Yugoslavia is once again in danger.

The NSW Federation has received word that Hajduk would come without six of its international stars, probably required for national team duty.

If that is the case, the proposed tour is likely to be called off again — perhaps for the last time.

Murray Barnes, unchallenged, meets a high cross and among the panic-stricken Adelaide City defenders, heads home Hakoah's equaliser.



Murray Barnes (left) and Brian Northcote in a desperate duel during last week's Easts Hakoah-Adelaide City game in Sydney. As it happens — both scored a goal.

Goalie's dilemma:

SUE OR SAVE?

Steve Hoszowski, the sidelined Auburn goalie, is undecided whether to join St George or continue his legal action against the entire transfer system.

Hoszowski last week received an offer from the Saints who also negotiated with Auburn.

However, the 25-year-old physical education graduate is tempted to take his battle against the transfer system to court.

If he does, the Saints will certainly decline to sign him as they wouldn't wish to have a player on their staff involved in litigation against the various official bodies.

St George soccer president Les Bordacs told Hoszowski that he had to make up his mind by this week.

It is believed that Hoszowski's transfer fee has been reduced from $6000 to $4000 by Auburn.

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Marconi march towards title

South Melbourne and Western Suburbs lose their unbeaten record, Easts Hakoah and West Adelaide go down at home and Canberra get their fifth draw which makes them a candidate for some sort of a record in Italy's cautious "calcio".

Meanwhile, to highlight the week's events, Marconi wipe the floor with Western Suburbs and open up a commanding lead in the Philips League.

To prove the immense talent at their disposal, Marconi, even without the injured Byrne and suspended Prskalo, banged in half a dozen goals — with a hit-trick by "Il Mago," Roberto Vieri.

This Marconi will be awfully hard to catch though, of course, the season has 19 weeks to run.

The Adelaide and Brisbane teams have continued their hot-and-cold run while St George have dropped dangerously close to the wooden spoon despite surviving their first match of the year without conceding a goal.

South Melbourne's bubble has burst, embarrassingly enough at home where, with a strangely defensive stance, they allowed Brisbane City to snatch a win towards the end.

To add confusion to the picture, Adelaide City won away and West Adelaide lost at home.

Newcastle, meanwhile, have gone three weeks undefeated and are sure to become harder to beat with every passing week.

• **All details on page 4.**

CLUB PATROL

Edited by STEPHEN DETTRE Ph: 406-4551

At present Yugal have one Fijian player in the first team, but in the next couple of weeks they are expecting two more from Fiji. Their present player, NIDI NITYA, a midfielder now playing as a defender under Tony Schwarz's direction, has arranged for two of his good friends to join Yugal when they arrive in Sydney.

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It seems that the revival of Yugal this year from the whipping boys of '77 to a strong unit in '78 has encouraged several former players to once again consider a return to "Plavi". One such player is DUSAN PURAC who was a Yugal player in 1974-75 and who played for Manly during this year's Ampol Cup.

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Another Toongabbie player out of action for a while is the other reserve grade stopper SAM BEGGS, who has suspended training for a while due to a serious illness in the family.

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If it rains — go to Concord Oval. From now on spectators will be able to watch Yugal's home matches in dry conditions, for at Concord Oval there is seating under cover for well over 1000 people.

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Monaro are impressing people both on and off the field. Not only are they winning their way into the respect of Sydney's soccer fraternity, but also the way the squad conducts itself at grounds, clubs and functions is arousing quite a bit of praise. And they are not hard to spot, for the Monaro squad members are all decked out in an attractive bottle green outfit that makes them look like winners.

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LAURIE PASTRELLO, Monaro's president, returned this week from a four-week holiday to Italy — and found, much to his pleasant surprise, his team at the top of the State League.

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ALLAN BOURKE, the ex-Sutherland and Canberra City player, hopes that after a successful stint with City he will prove just as valuable to Monaro. In fact, according to all reports, they are more than pleased with Allan, for since his arrival at the club some three weeks ago the team has been playing its best football of the season and have yet to drop a point.

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After the success of the Rugby League's "Olympics", there has been some talk about the possibility of soccer holding a similar event to select our fastest, strongest and most skilled players. Toongabbie's progressive thinking DAVID CLARK was the first to think of the "Soccer Olympics" and is interested in other people's views.

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PSL manager JOHN FRANK left for Europe and the USA on Sunday and will be back in about three weeks.

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GREG LYNCH, on loan last year to Olympic, has now rejoined Hakoah.

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Anybody want a promising giant for a goalie? PETER GREGORY, 19, who was reserve keeper for Stoke City behind Peter Shilton, is interested in coming to Australia. He is a ceramic artist by trade. Copies of references available from Soccer World — but write to him directly: P. Gregory, Hazeldene, Lingfield Ave., Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., England.

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ISIDORE ACOSTA, the new Paraguayan winger of St. George, arrived in Sydney last Saturday.

EASTS HAKOAH are investigating the high rate of expulsions and cautions among their players. According to the "Jewish Times", the reason could be the splendid club spirit prevailing. Last Sunday, two more players were cautioned.

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Manly have a story of their three MICHAELS. The first is Mike Symons, their former reserve player who has returned after a year in England. Then there is Mike Banks, their new English recruit, a striker, who made his debut last weekend. And finally there's Mike Lambert, a midfielder whose clearance from Dublin has finally arrived after a delay of seven weeks.

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Some weeks ago we had a small dig at some clubs who are near impossible to contact for club news. Yugal responded in a big way and now gain regular coverage in "CP". However, there are several clubs who don't get any publicity: Avala, Granville, Bankstown, etc. — as they don't seem interested anyway.

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Disaster struck at Toongabbie last week for their second grade stopper, DOUG DEVLIN. Doug had only recently gained his clearance from the Central Coast team, and was playing in only his second match for the Demons, when he broke his leg. The break is not a clean one and Doug could well be out for a good while.

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Contrary to reports in some daily newspapers, TERRY MANCINI will not join St. George. The club toyed with the idea of bringing him out but then rejected it. As for the two dailies, they beat the gun — which misfired.

PAUL COTON, the burly Olympic defender, will have his right ankle in plaster for two months, following surgery in which they repaired his torn Archilles tendon.

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WALTER VALERI had to miss Saturday's game against Toongabbie because he was the best man at a wedding. He's usually one of the best anyway . . . Meanwhile, GERALD CRAWFORD's knee injury is causing concern to the club: it may be cartilage. To add to their woes, ALAN BOURKE played on Saturday with a broken nose sustained a week earlier.

Walter Valeri, Monaro.

MIKE McCANN, son of ex-NSW Federation chief PETER, is playing for a second division club in Holland and will be soon joined by APIA's young fullback PHIL BAKARIC.

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Newcastle's old hotbed heating up

— By Keith Gilmour —

The crowd of 15,067 that attended Newcastle United's first Philips League home match was a record for the League — but not so for Newcastle soccer.

Twice that figure was exceeded in Coal City in the past, but on both occasions the games had an international flavour.

Twenty-three years previously an 18,500 crowd saw Australia play Rapid Vienna, and back in 1937 over 17,000 witnessed Australia against the touring FA amateur side.

Newcastle's mistake, until the formation of the Newcastle United club last August, was not to advance with the soccer revolution that came with the postwar migrant influx.

But the background that could establish big-time soccer has been there awaiting exploitation.

Not that the Newcastle directors expect to average 15,000 this year.

They have not got direct licensed club support as have the Sydney clubs and Canberra, so finance must come from gate receipts plus the generous Tooths KB sponsorship.

And so they are determined to live within their predetermined budget for the first season, thus imposing some limitation on expenditure on players.

Gathering the whole first team squad has cost them a very reasonable $23,000 and $7,000 of that went to Western Suburbs for Socceroo Col Curran's services.

For continuous involvement in soccer over the years, Newcastle is unrivalled throughout Australia.

Wallsend club started operating in 1887, the year before the English Football League was founded, and it is therefore enjoying its 91st season.

Only Granville, formed 1882, goes further back into Australian soccer history.

Adamstown Rosebuds club was born in 1889, and many other clubs of the Hunter have a long and rich history.

Of Newcastle United's present team Lloyd Hardes and Neil Endacott are from Wallsend, and, along with 48 times capped Ray Bartz, Socceroo Col Gurran, played his early First Division football with Adamstown.

For Newcastle's fans the past blends into the present and future in a way that is unique in Australia.

Alf "Artie" Quill is one of the old-timers who is an avid supporter of the new club, and he attends the Supporters' Club functions as well.

Quill himself was the scoring machine who preceded the legendary Reg Date at Wallsend in a career that extended in the NSW First Division from 1927 to 1949.

Over the years Newcastle has produced a harvest of players who carried Australia soccer until the game exploded into prominence in other cities.

Some of the big names of the past 40 years spring to mind: Billy and Ronnie Hughes, Alec Heaney, Alan Johns, Hedley Parkes, Cliff Almond, Jack "Digger" Evans, Dave Coote, Lou Hearne, Jim Mc Nabb, Kevin O'Neill, Billy Morgan.

And then there was that tiny ballartist, Jim "Skeeter" Wilkinson.

Over recent years many Newcastle youngsters have furthered their experience in England and Scotland.

The latest, and potentially the most successful of all, is 17-year-old Craig Johnston, who has already made his debut for Middlesbrough in the tough English First Division.

Johnston certainly has soccer blood in his veins.

His father Colin was a West Wallsend player who, along with winger Jock Hodge, provided Auburn with the impetus to hold a First Division place when they first came into prominence in the late forties.

Young Johnston is certain to appear in the Newcastle brown and green as soon as the English season ends, and so a new chapter in Newcastle soccer history will come to pass.

When that day comes — and a similar situation will apply when Manchester United's great son Bobby Charlton turns out — those record attendance figures could take another shake.

Full State teams could draw well

— By Jim Binnie —

With the levelling of soccer standard across the eastern States of Australia, caused by the inception of our Philips League, it would appear the time is ripe for the re-introduction of a type of competition always close to the heart of most Australian sports fans, that of the interstate competition.

With most centres drawing crowds in excess of 4000 people the competition is feasible on gate takings alone, so it surprises somewhat that no forward-looking official in high places has come up with a format to get this type of competition moving.

If nothing else, by the very act of getting eleven of the best players in each State meeting in competition the benefits to our national team selector (whoever it might be) would be immeasurable.

There would no doubt be critics who would come up with a myriad of answers to say why this idea could NOT be, but this writer feels that, given a lead, or some encouragement from the right areas, there are people around in each district who would be only too happy to organise and "produce" these matches.

"Sydneysiders will not back an interstate competition" in an excuse already put to the writer.

However NSW needn't play in Sydney and if Alan Vest's progressive committee at Newcastle couldn't stage an interstate game, and make money, then it would be the biggest turn-up for the soccer code in its Australian history.

South Australia has always shown a willingness to back its own State side and any entrepreneur would be guaranteed to make money.

There is no doubt that Canberra and district crowds would turn up in sufficient numbers to back their team.

This leaves the politically unstable Victorians who cannot yet reconcile their PSL players and State league players into one unit, but there is no doubt that given a reasonable amount of success in other areas our Victorian friends would soon put their house in order.

Already in Queensland, feelers have been put out to two States where teams are already in preparation.

At no cost to the teams involved an offer has been made to take them to Brisbane to play the Queensland State side in midweek floodlit "friendlies", as if an inter-state match in Australia can ever be described as a friendly!

There appears to be no reason why Joe Vlasits or Edmund Kreft would knock back such an offer as it would be to their advantage to have their State teams play a good warm-up match before their joust with Derby County.

However, we must never discount the powers of "the knockers", those people who appear to "kill" an idea before it gets off the ground for no other apparent reason than the fact that they did not think of it in the first place.

The matches would have to be played under lights in midweek in order that no clashes took place with present fixtures but our airline tie-up with TAA and their schedules almost guarantees the product of these games with a minimum of "down-time" to the players concerned.

If any progressive entrepreneur in any Federation, or club, sits down with his pocket calculator he will soon realise that there is money to be made in these games while serving the code, and most important, the public, who would love this competition.

In Queensland it is an energetic group of people who have combined themselves into two promotions committees for the PSL clubs that has come up with the means and wherewithal to "give it a go" and the Queensland Soccer Federation has given them the utmost co-operation such is their desire to see this great game of ours prosper.

Fitzroy goalie Blasby

LETTERS

You keep referring to Eastern Suburbs as Hakoah and this greatly disturbs me.

We, as Adelaide City, a club with great tradition and history in Australia, have been compelled, supposedly for the advancement of soccer, to abandon our name, Juventus.

If you have no objection to calling Eastern Suburbs by its former name, would it be possible, please, to refer to our club as Adelaide Juventus?

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The Sydney outfit's proper and registered name is Eastern Suburbs Hakoah which we often abbreviate into Easts Hakoah or just Hakoah. They never completely dropped their "Hakoah" tag — unlike Adelaide City. — Ed.

I refer to the item in the last issue of your paper, dated March 30, 1978: "Scores (of the Philips Soccer League) will be included in the 6pm news bulletin football roundup of 2UE."

Contrary to this advice, the radio station 2UE did NOT give any soccer results, only Rugby League, in their 6pm news bulletin of Sunday, April 2, 1978.

Could you please take up this incorrect advice with radio 2UE.

F. S. Raymond,
New Beach Rd.,
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We published 2UE's intended soccer result service in good faith, at their request. Obviously they changed their mind. I suggest you listen to the ABC: 5.20pm Saturdays and 6.05pm Sundays. — Ed.

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News from Adelaide

— By Vic Migliaccio —

The SASF, in conjunction with the Savings Bank of SA will be staging a series of coaching clinics for primary schoolboys between the ages of 10-12 in the May holidays. The Bank has made available $10,000 to promote junior soccer in Adelaide.

Part of the luxurious new club rooms will open to the public for the first time at Olympic Sport Field this Sunday. After the match Adelaide City invites all supporters to visit the new $400,000, almost completed set up. Refreshments and light snack will be available.

West Adelaide third division side baptised their re-entry in local soccer with a 10-0 win over Brighton with promising young rising star George Koulianos scoring three goals.

Last Wednesday week's PSL Cup elimination semi finals: Nearlanga beat Azzurri 6-5 on penalty kicks and Beograd thrashed Croatia 4-0.

On Tuesday (Anzac Day) Nearlanga will play Beograd for the outright first and second place.

Azzuri and Croatia will meet to decide the third club to join Adelaide City and West Adelaide in the $10,000 Cup.

SASF Fixtures for April 22 — First Division: *Para Hills v Beograd, Cumberland v Polonia, Azzurri v Nearlanga, Elizabeth v Croatia, Victoria v Lion.*

Second Division: *Birkalla v Apec., Modbury v Port, Don v Campbelltown, Salisbury v Orange, South Adelaide v Windsor.*

Third Div.: *West Adelaide v Brighton, Nearlanga City v SAIT, West Torrens v Flinders, Ad. University v Adelaide City.*

Next week, April 29 — First Division: *Polonia v Assurri, Para Hills v Cumberland, Croatia v Victoria, Nearlanga v Elizabeth, Beograd v Lion.*

Second Division: *Port v Don, Birkalla v Modbury, Orange v South, Campbelltown v Salisbury, Apec v Windsor.*

Third Division: *Brighton v Nearlanga, West Adelaide v Adelaide City, Flinders v University, SAIT v West Torrens.*

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AD.CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohous 2, Yung 4, Besir 3, **Lister** 5, Perin 3 (Rigby: 84m), **Melta** 5, Marwe 2, Marocchi 3 (Kolecki: 84m), J. Nyskohous 5, Northcote 3.

Goals: 0-1 J. Nyskohous (8m), 1-1 Campbell (23m), 1-2 Northcote (88m). **Referee:** J. Reeves (Newcastle). **Crowd:** 1283. **Cautions:** O'Connor, Silva.

Adelaide can thank three players for this victory: Lister, Melta and John Nyskohous. These three were outstanding in their respective departments and paved the way for the last gasp victory. Lister was brilliant in defence, marshalling his charges with the aplomb of a Beckenbauer and saving the situation several times himself. Melta ran and chased and grafted for 90 minutes, while up front Nyskohous provided the necessary genius to get the two vital goals. Adelaide promised much during an opening spell of fine possession football, but it soon became apparent that all the midfield lead-up work in the world would not compensate for the lack of an orthodox striker; a Dixie Deans. Hakoah were flat. They are usually a very bland side except for Silva's sorties, but today they were uninspired and lacked any creativity. Their midfield, though given a free rein in the second half by City, could not think of anything more inspiring than the wasted high ball; wasted on the day because neither Barnes nor Campbell showed any of their usual combatitiveness and were not willing to go up and challenge for the ball. Without a doubt the high spots of the match were the two Adelaide goals, both of which were football at its best. Nyskohous was involved in both, receiving a double pass from Melta to skate into the box and rifle the low near corner with a hard shot. Then with two minutes to go, and no City player having crossed halfway for a good five minutes, Yung dashed off on the left, centred low to Nyskohous who took Clarke out of posiiton before slipping the ball to Northcote who scored easily.

S. DETTRE

Sth. Melbourne 0 — Brisbane City 1 (0)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 3, Pye 4, Hatzimanouel 3, Baxter 3, **Kalafatidis** 5, (Christopoulos: 89m), Rogers 3, **Lutton** 3, Wright 4, Cummings 3, Ollerton 3, Kent 3 (McGuiness: 62m).

BRISBANE CITY: **Wishart** 5, Fagan 3, Kibbey 3 (Rathmell: 62m), **Tokesi** 5, **Perry** 5, Gaffney 4, Ibanez 3 (Conner: 46m), Pimblett 4, Johnston 4, Echeverria 4, Lavelle 3.

Goal: Echeverria 81m. **Referee:** J. Readshaw. **Crowd:** 5000.

Soaking up a lot of pressure in the first half, the fit and strong Brisbane City came back strongly in the second half, upsetting the championship aspirants. Although South generated most of the play, City looked more dangerous in their breaks. In Wishart, Tokesi and Perry, the City had a powerful, skilful and well disciplined rearguard. Tokesi outplayed Ollerton who once again was given the role of an isolated target man. The real secret of Brisbane City's success was their superb physical condition. As South ran out of steam in the second half, with a midfield squandering the ball, City took over the procedures and launched many attacks. Wishart saved with some brilliant reflexes and then Ollerton, Cummings and Kent all missed from close range. Roberto Echeverria scored the winner for the visitors, Conner picked up a long ball on the left flank, pounced on it quickly and crossed it to Echeverria who, unmarked in the penalty area, easily beat Hansen from close range. For South it was very poor tactics that cost them the points. Since coach Maclaren appointed Ollerton as the only striker upfield, it appears to everybody that goals will be difficult to come by in the following games.

— C. NIKOLOPOULOS

Newcastle 1 (1) — Syd. Olympic 1 (1)

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Dando 3, Willis 3, Summerscales 4, **Drinkwater** 5, Curran 4, Hardes 3, Mason 4, Amey 2, Galpin 3, Boden 4, Endacott 3 (Catalowski: 58m).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 3, Palmer 4, Cross 3, G. Allan 4, **McIntosh** 5, Laing 4, Markland 4, Jamieson 4, D. Allan 3, Senkalski 4, Ainslie 3.

Goals: 1-0 Boden (27m) 1-1 Senkalski (34m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 5287. **Caution:** Jamieson.

Sydney Olympic kept their unbeaten away record intact but coach Tom Anderson must have breathed a sigh of real relief when the referee signalled fulltime. With the score tied after 45 minutes, it was expected that the strong wind would give the visitors a second half advantage. But Olympic looked uncomfortable with the wind behind them and seemed content to earn one point. In contrast, it was Newcastle's attack which carried more threat. Boden, ace striker of the hosts, came in for a good deal of punishment throughout the match. His light frame and ability to shield the ball make him a clear target for exasperated defenders. Early in the game Boden was brought down unceremoniously and it can only be assumed that the referee was unsighted as he waved play on. Boden opened Newcastle's account when he displayed his customary cooiness in a tight situation to lob the ball over the tall Meier — a gem of a goal. Senkalski, skipper of Olympic for the day, showed his undoubted skill by equalising 10 minutes before the break. He ghosted away from his guard Peter Willis and slotted an angled left foot shot wide of Dando. Senkalski played formerly for Adamstown Rosebuds and he may return to Newcastle at the end of the season. Newcastle midfielder Bill Amey played with a heavily bandaged leg to support a muscle injury. It was surprising that coach Alan Vest didn't replace the unfit Amey in the second half with one of his standby players, the only change made being that of Steve Catalowski coming in for Endacott.

— M. HAY

Brisbane Lions 0 — St. George 0

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 4, Potter 4, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Venables 3 (Hughes: 65m), Wilson 3, Spearitt 4, Niven 3, Neale 3, Laslo 3 (P. Ontong, 79m), **Morris** 5.

ST. GEORGE: **Coe** 5, Harris 4, Grosse 4 (Holmik, 65m), Utjesenovic 4, Morgan 4, Terry 3, Gnavi 3, J. O'Shea 3, Jones 4, R. O'Shea 3, O'Connor 3.

Referee: D. Nugent. **Crowd:** 3240. **Caution:** Gnavi.

St. George played like a frightened team with a frightened coach: they lined up with the usual backline of four plus a libero playing behind them. O'Connor and R. O'Shea had the impossible task of breaking down the Lions' wall and it was obvious that they were not going to succeed. These tactics were employed by many Italian sides 15 years ago, and it serves only to make up for a boring spectacle. The first half was ruined by St. George's spoiling tactics with Lions trying desperately to draw out the tight defence, and it was a half hour before either goalie was called into action. The second half opened with the Saints tentatively moving their freeback into midfield and pushing an extra man up front. Lions treated this with contempt and built up a non-stop traffic towards the St. George goal. In the 58th minute goalie Coe won the point for the visitors, when Potter blasted a shot from 20 metres; everyone in Perry Park screaming "goal" as the ball rocketed towards the goalkeeper's nightmare, the postage stamp corner. Nobody in the stadium knew where the keeper came from but somehow or other he turned it around the post. Two minutes later he did exactly the same with a low shot. St. George also had two good breakaways with Jones trying some long range shooting which was just off target. Morris was the best attacker of Lions giving the Saints all sorts of headaches but Lions still need a good spearhead to finish off all their good work.

— J. BINNIE

West Adelaide 1 (1) — Footscray 2 (0)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, **Kampas** 5, Reynolds 3, McGachey 4, Vagianos 3, Jones 4, Boyle 3, Zervas 3 (Norris: 55m), Bozanic 3, Honeyman 4, McGregor 3.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 4, Hazabent 4, Lujic 4, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 3, Rujevic 4, **Palinkas** 5, Ilioski 4, Piciaone 4, Vasic 4, Nikolaidis 3.

Goals: 1-0 Bozanic (32m), 1-1 Piciaone (82m), 1-2 Rujevic (86m). **Referee:** J. Tailing. **Crowd:** 5500. **Cautions:** Vagianos, Palinkas.

An inspired four-minute burst towards the end gave Footscray a shock victory. Westad outplayed Footscray in the first half to justify their lead but fell into a deep defensive trance in the second half to allow Footscray to take charge with its clever brand of possession soccer. Footscray forced nine corners to one during the game. In the first half, through Honeyman and McGachey, the hosts were dominating midfield. The first shot was sent by West's young striker Bozanic who came into the side after coach Margaritis had sacked Eric Carruthers earlier in the week. Kampas and Jones dealt confidently with the spasmodic Footscray raids, while at the other end Zervas and then McGregor missed marginally. West grabbed the lead when a thundering drive from McGachey struck Boland and Bozanic smashed the rebound into the roof of the net. In the second half Footscray looked an entirely different side as they started to run tantalising rings around the previously superior Adelaide 11. Footscray seized the initiative in the midfield to assert their authority as they searched for the equaliser. It took a world class save by Crook to temporarily keep West's slate clean as he plucked a shot from Ilioski out of the top right hand corner. However, the writing by now was on the wall and it became legible soon. Piciaone climaxed a series of crisp passes with a rising shot past Crook. Then Rujevic sent Footscray home with both points when he delivered a perfect drive from just inside the penalty area.

— A. CRISP

Marconi 6 (2) — West. Suburbs 2 (2)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3, **Degney** 5, Russell 3, Selvage 3, Richards 4, Jankovics 4, **Vieri** 5, Rooney 4, Mariani 3, Sharne 4.

WESTERN SUBURBS: T. Eaton 2, Skellern 3, Turnbull 4, Rowden 3, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Dodds 3, Stone 3, Scott 3 (Fisher: 74m), C. Eaton 3, O'Donnell 3 (Vernon: 53m).

Goals: 1-0 Vieri pen (10m), 2-0 Rooney (13m), 2-1 Harding (16m), 2-2 C. Eaton (17m), 3-2 Jankovics (64), 4-2 Mariani (70m), 5-2 Vieri (73m), 6-2 Vieri pen (78m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. Crowd: 5719. **Cautions:** Jones, Richards, T. Eaton, Vernon.

Four goals in seven minutes in one spurt and another four in fourteen — that was just part of the excitement at Marconi Oval when the club's first stage of the $1 million grandstand was opened by NSW's Deputy Premier, Jack Ferguson. The scoring started when Clive Eaton shoved Barry Jones in Wests' penalty area and Roberto Vieri scored the first of his three goals from the spot. Then Rod Skellern attempted to turn the ball back in front of goal and it fell right in Jim Rooney's path and the little master flighted a rising ball into far end. Wests came back quickly with Dave Harding and then Clive Eaton netting. Wests were first-timing many many passes and they deserved to go ahead when a great header by Clive Eaton hit the upright with Allan Maher really beaten. At this stage, whilst Richards was taking quite a part in the game, he went perilously close to being sent off when he all but threw a ball at referee Doug Rennie. Andy Scott almost scored three times and Dodd blasted over and Wests were on top. Their big mistake was to cost them dearly in the second half. It beggars description as to how Wests left Vieri to move around the park at will. Every blindman, and his dog, knows that Vieri needs attention, but he was allowed to set up his passes ad infinitum. Jankovic's 64th minute goal was a bit lucky — on the other hand it was the product of his own immense determination. He started the move just inside halfway on the left, and he was there to finish it off. Mariani, Vieri a goal under the injured Terry Eaton, and Vieri a penalty finished off the rout. Through this time Marconi played like champions, and none did more than Paul Degney, who was at his unstoppable best after half-time.

— K. GILMOUR.

Canberra City 2 (0) — Fitzroy 2 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 3, Moulis 3, Stark 4, Brown 3, Milovanovic 4, Cant 4, T. Henderson 4, Gruicic 4, Heywood 3, Byrne 4 (K. Henderson: 64m), Stoddart 3.

FITZROY: Marner 3, McMillan 3, Proven 4, O'Reilly 3, **Tansey** 5, Bannon 3, Campbell 3, Taylor 4, Cole 4, Micevski 4, Buljevic (Bozikas: 10m, 3).

Goals: 1-0 Byrne (54m), 1-1 Cole (60m), 2-1 Gruicic (64m, pen), 2-2 Taylor (85m, pen). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 5327. **Cautions:** Byrne, Campbell, Tilsed, Brown.

Not a game for the top socce connoisseur; in fact, there was little to be seen in this torrid encounter, particularly in the first half. Tilsed somehow touched a low, dipping shot wide in the 4th minute and must have been relieved to see Buljevic depart, injured, after 10 minutes. The home side was holding the ball too long at the back and with this Byrne and Stoddart were given little chance to break away. Stark and Proven were dominated in the air in their defences and so the first half passed with two cautions as memorable moments. Some semblance of life appeared in the second half. Fitzroy keeper Marner could only parry a Heywood shot and the reliable Byrne added the finishing touch. Then came two goals within four minutes of each other. A high cross from an overlapping Tansey; Tilsed's one handed scoop failed to secure the ball which Cole blasted into the net. Byrne was to evade O'Reilly when he was brought down and Gruicic scored his third penalty of the season. Five minutes from time another penalty. A Fitzroy player appeared to handle the ball but went unpunished — but not so a Moulis foul; Taylor converted, after Tilsed was cautioned for trying to unsettle him.

— C. KUNZ

TOP SCORERS

C. EATON (Wests)	5	FISHER (Wests)	3
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	5	GRUICIC (Canberra)	3
BYRNE (Canberra)	4	HUGHES (Br. Lions)	3
VIERI (Marconi)	4	MARLEY (Br. City)	3
BODEN (Newcastle)	3	NYSKOHOUS (Ad. City)	3
BYRNE (Marconi)	3	O'CONNOR (St. George)	3
COLE (Fitzroy)	3	ROONEY (Marconi)	3
ECHEVERRIA (Br. City)	3	SENKALSKI (Olympic)	3

PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P	**0-0**	**2-1**	**1-2**	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	**1-3**	2/7	30/4	28/5	14/5	11/6
Marconi	9/7	H	**4-0**	**1-1**	**6-2**	14/5	30/4	18/6	11/6	**3-2**	26/7	20/8	6/8	28/5
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6	A	21/5	**0-3**	23/7	**1-1**	27/8	14/5	**1-0**	2/7	30/4	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	L	30/4	**1-0**	28/5	**0-1**	6/8	18/6	14/5	**0-1**	4/6	23/4
West. Sub.	23/4	16/7	25/6	30/7	I	28/5	14/5	**0-0**	**2-2**	**3-1**	6/8	11/6	20/8	**1-1**
St. George	21/5	13/8	23/4	25/6	27/8	P	4/6	30/7	16/7	7/5	**0-2**	2/7	**2-1**	**2-3**
West Adel.	7/5	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	**1-4**	S	**1-2**	**3-0**	23/7	21/5	**0-1**	11/6	25/6
Footscray	**1-1**	**0-2**	28/5	11/6	2/7	30/4	16/7	O	20/8	4/6	**0-2**	6/8	23/7	14/5
Br. Lions	4/6	**0-3**	13/8	7/5	18/6	**0-0**	2/7	21/5	L	27/8	**1-1**	23/7	**2-2**	30/7
Br. City	**0-3**	25/6	11/6	**2-1**	9/7	6/8	23/4	**3-0**	28/5	E	16/7	14/5	30/4	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	23/4	**1-1**	13/8	7/5	11/6	20/8	9/7	25/6	**0-1**	A	**1-1**	28/5	**3-0**
Olympic	27/8	21/5	30/7	9/7	**0-1**	**2-0**	18/6	7/5	23/4	13/8	4/6	G	**1-2**	16/7
Canberra	13/8	7/5	**2-2**	**2-2**	21/5	18/6	**1-1**	23/4	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6	U	**2-2**
Newcastle	**1-4**	27/8	7/5	23/7	4/6	9/7	**0-1**	13/8	30/4	21/5	18/6	**1-1**	2/7	E

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE P	W	D	L	F	A	P	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	P	AWAY P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 1) MARCONI	7	5	2	—	19	5	12 14	4	3	1	—	14	5	7	3	2	1	—	5	—	5
2 (2) SOUTH MELBOURNE	7	3	3	1	10	4	9 9	4	1	2	1	5	3	4	3	2	1	—	5	1	5
3 (3) WESTERN SUBURBS	7	3	3	1	12	10	9 11	4	1	3	—	6	4	5	3	2	—	1	6	6	4
4 (4) EAST-HAKOAH	7	3	2	2	12	8	8 8	4	1	1	2	4	6	3	3	2	1	—	8	2	5
5 (5) OLYMPIC	7	3	2	2	7	5	8 8	3	1	—	2	3	3	2	4	2	2	—	4	2	6
6 (6) CANBERRA	7	1	5	1	12	12	7 8	4	—	4	—	7	7	4	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE	7	2	2	3	8	9	6 7	4	1	—	3	5	7	2	3	1	2	—	3	2	4
8 (10) ADELAIDE CITY	7	2	2	3	7	8	6	3	1	—	2	1	2	2	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
9 (11) BRISBANE CITY	7	3	—	4	9	11	6	3	2	—	1	5	4	4	4	1	—	3	4	7	2
10 (8) BRISBANE LIONS	7	1	4	2	8	12	6	4	—	3	1	3	6	3	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
11 (13) FOOTSCRAY	7	2	2	3	4	9	6 7	3	—	1	2	1	5	1	4	2	1	1	3	4	5
12 (9) ST. GEORGE	7	2	1	4	8	10	5 7	3	1	—	2	4	6	2	4	1	1	2	4	4	3
13 (12) NEWCASTLE	7	1	3	3	8	14	5 6	3	—	1	2	2	6	1	4	1	2	1	6	8	4
14 (14) FITZROY	7	1	3	3	6	13	5 5	3	1	1	1	2	4	3	4	—	2	2	4	9	2

PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

SYDNEY

Peter Hensman, sparkling on the wing for Saints this season, received eight stitches in a gash on his knee in the Newcastle game and is unlikely to be ready for a fortnight yet.

Alan Kershaw is proving a man of many parts for Easts Hakoah. He is popping up in attack and defence to fill the gaps that arise, which makes coach Gerry Chaldi's job just that much easier. However, last Sunday he was injured and is doubtful.

Terry Smith deserves a change of fortune. Having fought his way back to fitness after his ankle injury he received a knock on the other ankle and missed out last week. He is hoping to be in the action against Wests on Sunday.

Now that 19-year-old university student Peter Brogan has received mention to fill any casual vacancies in Marconi's defence, it would not supprise if he is given an occasional part game to tune him up for the future. Last week, however, with Ivo Prskalo suspended, it was left to the old master, Ray Richards, to fill the breach with his usual gusto.

Andy Scott appears to be an outstanding gain for Wests, provided that he can finish off the good work when facing a goalkeeper. Although he was playing in Hong Kong, there is no doubt that he still has extra fitness and a few extra metres to gain before he reaches his peak.

Marconi put on one of the most colorful events at the opening of their new $100,000 stand at Marconi last Sunday. The stand was officially opened by Deputy Premier of NSW Jack Ferguson. Present was NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation Ken Booth, Dott Tedeschi, Consul-General for Italy, and Ald Mrs Janice Crosio, Mayoress of Fairfield.

NEWCASTLE

Alan Vest, Newcastle's coach, says that his side is now moving like a real team — being unbeaten in their last three games.

He feels that the pending arrival of Bob Mountford from Huddersfield will add bite to the attack.

Mountford is described as an aggressive striker.

Brilliant Middlesbrough youngster Craig Johnson will also join Newcastle United during the English close season.

— Myles Hay.

GREEKS FOR OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic have made a coup by signing two Greek internationals for 15 matches in the Philips Soccer League.

They are Con Darvoulis, a striker of Olympiakos club, and Bill Stravopodis, right winger of the Patras club.

Darvoulis toured Australia in 1969 with the Greek international team.

They are due to arrive on April 26 and will play their first match for Olympic against Fitzroy United in Melbourne on Sunday, April 30 at Olympic Park.

Olympic will also gain the leading scorer in the Scottish First Division, Billy Pirie, who is expected to stay on for guest games with the club after Dundee completes its three-match tour of Australia May.

Canberra City secretary Hall Leslie has resigned and his position will be filled on a permanent basis soon. He gave personal reasons for his resignation.

Adelaide

Star striker John Kosmina will return from England after his UK club Arsenal play Ipswich in the F.A. Cup final on May 6 and he will guest for Adelaide City. This was confirmed by City secretary Carmin Picarello last week.

At the request of coach John Margaritis the West Adelaide committee held a special meeting last week and sacked former Hearts and Derby star Eric Carruthers.

The decision didn't shock many people as the Margaritis v Carruthers battle now has been brewing since the start of the season.

Carruthers said that he hoped to remain in Australia. Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso said that an invitation had been passed on to Carruthers with them.

"We cannot make a prompt decision as Edmond Kreft or myself have not seen Eric play yet. If he fits in our team he will be considered," said Caruso.

Another UK import was dropped last week, Danny Dance, Adelaide City striker who was signed only six weeks ago. He was told by City officials that he was no longer required by the club and has been placed on the transfer list.

— M. Migliaccio.

MARCONI MAY WIDEN GAP AT TABLE TOP

— Andrew Dettre —

Middle Park should be near boiling point on Sunday when South Melbourne set out to arrest the unrelenting sprint of Marconi towards the championship title.

But it will take all the guile of coach Dave Maclaren and more to keep the brilliant Marconi machine at bay.

The way they tore up the previously unbeaten Western Suburbs speaks for itself.

For a change, that grand maestro, Vieri, transformed himself from mere prospector to executioner and helped himself to his first hat-trick in Australia.

Rasic is certain to bring back Prskalo into the team, after his suspension, and if Byrne is fit, he'll also have the problem of making room for him.

South Melbourne, following their shock home defeat, have come down to earth with a thud; if they lose again, they will have a five-point gap separating them from Marconi.

It's hard to forecast anything but a Marconi victory especially in view of South Melbourne's average home record.

Canberra, once again forced to play on Saturday, don't seem able to either win or lose at home; four games for four draws is quite a sequence.

Without their ace striker Byrne, Canberra will attack with reduced efficiency and it will take either a super-game from Henderson or yet another penalty from Gruicic to save their bacon.

Footscray, their opponents, suddenly came ot life with a win in Adelaide.

They have the undoubted talent and experience to put it together and play attractively into the bargain and could go close to their third away win of the season.

Adelaide City, buoyed by their win in Sydney, could be a handful for Newcastle.

If Adelaide City is no longer the same delightful, pattern-weaving unit it was in 1977, they have certainly hardened and learned to fight.

With Muniz injured and Marocchi and Perin in indifferent form, they rely on breakaways through the nippy Nyskohus and aggressive Melta.

Newcastle have been doing rather well in away matches — and for three weeks they have remained unbeaten.

Still, this will be a stiff test for the Novocastrians and even a draw should please them.

Western Suburbs and Easts Hakoah, the recipients of two costly defeats last Sunday, will come to grips at Marconi, predictiably in front of a much smaller crowd that this match deserves.

Wests paid the price last week for giving Vieri as much space as St. Peter's Square and are sure to tighten their defence, probably with the return of Bobby Noble.

Easts Hakoah also have defensive problems: without a recognised stopper and insufficient punch up front, they should be prepared for further shocks, despite their clever and constructive midfield play.

Jim Rooney, Marconi.

If they had a finisher half as good as Silva is as a schemer, they would probably score half a dozen a game — so where are you, Terry Smith?

St. George, now anchored at the most inelegant 12th place, just can't take a trick.

At least their reshuffled defence held up well but the problems in midfield and attack remain.

Newly arrived Acosta, though far from fit, may be thrown in at the deep end in the desperate hope that he can provide some class for the aenemic attack.

Fitzroy, last on the table, have done badly in away games; they are the only team so far not to win a match when playing away.

However, with the injured Buljevic doubtful for the match, it will be left once again to veterans Bannon and Tansey to motivate their clearly demoralised side.

Olympic will no doubt play it very tight against Lions and go for a low scoring win.

Their defence is now extremely well organised while the nippy, zestful strikers are always good for a vital goal.

Lions should have a much better defensive record than they actually have but so far the Bennett-Hermiston partnership has failed to bring spectacular results.

Morris and Laslo — as well as occasionally Hughes — have the skill to cause some concern to the Olympic defence but perhaps not enough for a win.

Brisbane City, having smashed South Melbourne's unbeaten record and returned alive from Middle Park to tell the story, must be oozing with confidence against West Adelaide who seem destined to struggle through the year.

However, they should be aware of the fact that Westad are so far unbeaten away from home and will no doubt strive for at least one of the points.

Brendan Grosse, Saints.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 22

Canberra v Footscray	Bruce Stadium 2.45 p.m.

Sunday, April 23

Adel. City v Newcastle	Olympic Field, 2.30 p.m.
West. Subs v Easts Hakoah	Marconi, 3 p.m.
St. George v Fitzroy	Barton Park, 3 p.m.
Olympic v Br. Lions	Erskineville, 3 p.m.
Br. City v West Adel.	Perry Park, 2.30 p.m.
South Melb. v Marconi	Middle Park, 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, April 29

Newcas. v Br. Lions	Macquarie Oval, 2.30 p.m.
Footscray v St George	Middle Park, 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

Adel. City v West. Subs	Olympic Field, 2.30 p.m.
Marconi v West Adelaide	Marconi, 3 p.m.
Bris. City v Canberra	Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Fitzroy v Olympic	Barton Park, 3 p.m.
East Hakoah v South Melb.	Wentworth, 3 p.m.

FITZROY FINED

Fitzroy will play its home match against Olympic in Sydney next week, at Barton Park.

This is part of the penalty Fitzroy has to pay — apart from a fine of $5000 — for their part in the riot at Middle Park on April 8.

The gate takings will be held by the PSL in a trust account and serve as a good behaviour bond.

The heavy fine and at least temporary loss of another sizeable revenue should stir the Fitzroy committee into action.

First of all — if they are sincere in their wish to rid themselves of their troublemakers — they should identify the few spectators who caused the damage.

Surely this shouldn't be hard, from the TV clips available.

Then — they should ban them from attending their matches; in fact, they should be banned from all Melbourne grounds.

• Contrary to our prediction, PSL chairman Sam Papasavas and Tony Kovac DID take part in the hearing last week in Sydney, together with Charles Caruso, Alex Pongrass and Frank Lowy. Ed.

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

Once again, only one match was played in the Coca-Cola Youth League — quite a scandalous state of affairs.

It looks likely that, for the second year running, Sydney's PSL reserve league will be a huge botch.

RESULTS:
Hakoah v Newcastle 0-0

This week;
Saturday:
West NSW v Hakoah (Orange)
Sunday:
St. Geo Dragons v Marconi Comets (Barton Park)
Marconi Raiders v St. George Colts (Bossley Park)
Olympic v Newcastle (Erskineville)
Western Suburbs bye.

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NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Monaro	4	1	—	10	3	9
Melita	3	—	1	9	4	6
Croatia	3	—	1	7	2	6
Sutherland	2	1	1	3	2	5
Avala	2	—	2	4	2	4
Toongabbie	1	2	1	2	2	4
Mv. Olympic	1	2	1	3	5	4
Manly	2	—	3	5	11	4
APIA	1	1	2	6	5	3
Arncliffe	1	1	2	1	2	3
Yugal	1	—	2	5	3	2
Auburn	1	—	2	6	5	2
Granville	1	—	2	4	8	2
Bankstown	—	—	3	2	10	—

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	1	—	10	—	9
Croatia	3	1	—	10	4	7
Sutherland	3	—	1	17	3	6
Granville	2	1	—	6	2	5
Arncliffe	1	3	—	6	2	5
Auburn	2	—	1	14	6	4
Toongabbie	1	2	1	9	9	4
Mv. Olympic	1	2	1	5	5	4
APIA	1	1	2	2	4	3
Melita	1	1	2	5	8	3
Avala	1	—	3	8	14	2
Monaro	1	—	4	4	17	2
Bankstown	—	—	3	4	9	—
Yugal	—	—	3	—	17	—

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	—	—	9	2	8
Sutherland	3	—	—	11	1	6
Avala	3	—	1	11	4	6
Melita	3	—	1	5	4	6
Arncliffe	2	—	2	8	6	4
Granville	1	—	1	2	2	2
Auburn	1	—	1	2	3	2
APIA	1	—	3	6	8	2
Bankstown	1	—	2	5	7	2
Toongabbie	1	—	2	5	7	2
Croatia	1	—	2	2	5	2
Yugal	—	—	3	2	10	—
Mv. Olympic	—	—	3	2	11	—

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	4	—	1	17	4	8
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	—	13	3	7
Uni of NSW	3	—	2	12	6	6
Belmore	2	2	—	6	2	6
Revesby	2	2	—	8	4	6
Polonia	1	2	—	4	3	4
Warringah	1	1	2	6	4	3
Glad. Hornsby	—	2	1	4	7	2
Marrickville	—	2	3	3	15	2
N.S.-Inter	—	1	1	2	7	1
Queens Park	—	1	3	5	18	1
Guildford	—	—	3	3	9	—

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	4	1	—	9	3	9
Uni of NSW	3	1	1	14	8	7
Marrickville	1	2	1	9	7	4
Revesby	1	2	—	5	3	4
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	1	8	8	4
Warringah	1	1	1	1	2	3
Polonia	1	1	2	10	11	3
Glad.-Hornsby	1	—	2	9	4	2
Queens Park	1	—	1	5	5	2
Blacktown	—	2	1	2	3	2
Guildford	—	1	2	3	10	1
N.S.-Inter	—	1	1	1	9	1

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	4	—	1	18	3	8
Warringah	3	—	1	11	4	6
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	—	6	2	5
Blacktown	2	1	—	4	2	5
Glad.-Hornsby	2	—	1	7	3	4
Revesby	2	—	1	9	4	4
Uni of NSW	2	—	3	7	15	4
Queens Park	1	—	1	5	4	2
Guildford	—	1	2	2	6	1
Polonia	—	1	3	3	10	1
N.S.-Inter	—	—	2	1	9	—
Marrickville	—	—	4	4	15	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lane Cove	2	—	1	7	4	4
Nepean	2	—	—	5	2	4
West Ryde	2	—	—	3	1	4
Bathurst	1	—	1	8	5	2
Dee Why	1	—	2	5	3	2
Glad. Rav.	1	—	—	2	1	2
Bondi	1	—	1	4	4	2
Yagoona	1	—	1	2	2	2
Lethbridge	—	1	—	3	3	1
Riverstone	—	1	2	6	10	1
Pt. Hacking	—	—	1	3	8	—
Wenty War.	—	—	2	—	7	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lane Cove	2	1	—	9	5	5
West Ryde	1	1	—	7	4	3
Dee Why	1	1	1	6	6	3
Riverstone	1	1	1	8	9	3
Glad. Rav.	1	—	—	4	—	2
Yagoona	1	—	1	5	3	2
Pt. Hacking	1	—	—	3	1	2
Nepean	1	—	1	5	4	2
Bathurst	1	—	1	2	3	2
Lethbridge	—	—	1	1	3	—
Bondi	—	—	2	4	9	—
Went War.	—	—	2	1	8	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lane Cove	1	2	—	3	1	4
Dee Why	2	—	1	5	6	4
Lethbridge	1	—	—	4	—	2
Pt. Hacking	1	—	—	4	—	2
Nepean	1	—	1	6	4	2
Wenty War.	1	—	1	4	3	2
Bondi	1	—	1	6	8	2
Bathurst	1	—	1	2	5	2
Riverstone	—	2	1	1	5	2
Yagoona	—	1	1	4	5	1
West Ryde	—	1	1	2	3	1
Glad. Rav.	—	—	1	1	3	—

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sydney Uni.	2	1	—	8	3	5
Ryde	1	2	—	10	3	4
Baulkham H.	1	2	—	7	4	4
Padstow	2	—	1	10	9	4
Camp'town	1	1	—	5	3	3
Greenwich	1	1	—	4	3	3
Hurstville	1	1	1	9	9	3
Nth. B'town	1	—	1	3	3	2
Ashcroft	—	1	1	3	5	1
Fairfield	—	1	1	2	5	1
Artarmon	—	—	1	2	3	—
Holroyd	—	—	4	4	17	—

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	3	—	—	7	1	6
Baulkham H.	2	1	—	10	5	5
Hurstville	2	—	1	6	3	4
Camp'town	1	1	—	5	1	3
Ryde	1	1	1	4	5	3
Artarmon	1	—	—	6	2	2
Ashcroft	—	2	—	4	4	2
Nth. B'town.	1	—	1	3	3	2
Holroyd	1	—	3	6	12	2
Greenwich	—	1	1	2	6	1
Fairfield	—	—	2	2	6	—
Sydney Uni.	—	—	3	4	11	—

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kingsford	2	1	—	9	5	5
Bonnyrigg	2	—	—	8	3	4
Revesby Rov.	2	—	—	7	2	4
Chelsea	2	—	1	7	6	4
Paddington	1	2	—	6	5	4
Maroubra	1	—	1	4	4	2
Auburn Jnrs.	1	—	2	5	7	2
Eastwood	—	1	2	4	6	1
Belfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haberfield	—	—	2	3	5	—
North Rocks	—	—	1	1	4	—
North Ryde	—	—	2	3	10	—

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn Jnrs.	2	1	—	11	4	5
Bonnyrigg	2	—	—	10	4	4
Paddington	2	—	1	6	5	4
Kingsford	1	1	1	8	8	3
North Rocks	1	—	—	3	1	2
Chelsea	1	—	2	6	6	2
Eastwood	1	—	2	5	6	2
Haberfield	1	—	1	4	5	2
Revesby Rov.	1	—	1	4	6	2
Belfield	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Ryde	—	—	2	3	9	—
Maroubra	—	—	2	1	7	—

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hawkesbury	2	1	—	6	3	5
East. Creek	2	—	—	12	3	4
W. Holroyd	2	—	—	4	1	4
Pagewood	1	1	—	4	1	3
Concordia	1	1	—	4	3	3
Fairfield W.	1	—	—	5	—	2
Prospect	—	1	—	—	—	1
Camden	—	1	2	4	6	1
W. St. George	—	1	1	4	6	1
Macq. Uni.	—	1	2	3	8	1
Canley Hgts.	—	1	1	2	7	1
Green Valley	—	—	3	4	14	—

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East. Creek	2	—	—	9	3	4
W. Holroyd	2	—	—	4	—	4
W. St. George	1	1	1	4	2	3
Fairfield W.	1	—	—	5	—	2
Macq. Uni.	1	—	2	5	4	2
Prospect	1	—	—	3	2	2
Pagewood	1	—	1	4	4	2
Concordia	1	—	1	2	2	2
Camden	1	—	2	4	6	2
Canley Hgts.	1	—	1	4	6	2
Hawkesbury	—	1	2	2	8	1
Green Valley	—	—	3	1	10	—

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorebank	2	—	—	8	3	4
Lakemba	1	2	—	9	6	4
Liverpool	2	—	1	5	5	4
B'town. Sp.	1	1	—	7	2	3
Maccabi	1	1	—	5	3	3
Chullora	1	—	—	6	2	2
South. Dist.	1	—	1	6	3	2
Edensor	1	—	—	5	2	2
Emu Plains	1	—	2	6	11	2
Greystanes	—	—	1	1	3	—
Mt. Pritchard	—	—	3	5	12	—
Sth. Sydney	—	—	3	3	14	—

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	2	1	—	5	2	5
Moorebank	2	—	—	10	2	4
B'town. Sp.	2	—	—	8	1	4
Maccabi	1	1	—	3	1	3
Edensor	1	—	—	7	1	2
Greystanes	1	—	—	4	—	2
South. Dist.	1	—	1	6	4	2
Chullora	1	—	—	4	3	2
Lakemba	1	—	2	6	6	2
Mt. Pritchard	—	—	3	5	12	—
Emu Plains	—	—	3	2	14	—
Sth. Sydney	—	—	3	3	17	—

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INSULT IN INJURY TIME TO POLONIA

— By Charles Spiteri —

The clash between Ku-ring-gai and Warringah at Graham Reserve on Sunday will be the one to watch this weekend.

All teams are facing a hard program as after their weekend games they will have to play another full round on Tuesday, Anzac Day,

Blacktown should retain their lead as they should beat Gladesville away.

Polonia, emerging as a challenger to the championship should also win against the struggling Marrickville.

Highlights of last week's matches:

MARRICKVILLE v QUEENS PARK 2-2

Fielding an almost new side, Marrickville did well to get a point against the ball-playing Queens Park.

Marrickville lost most of their players from the side that played in the Ampol Cup and with injuries they have been forced to reconstruct.

They twice led Queens Park in a hard fought game. Graham Clarke scored direct from a corner to give them the lead midway through the first half but Ian Gallaway equalised for Queens Park just before half-time.

Clarke again scored to regain the lead but towards the end Robbie Coyle levelled to give Park their first point.

MARRICKVILLE: Pappas, Pierinos, Agorides, Pondekas, Apostilidis, Jordan, Walsh (Lee), Clarke (2), Gould, Mossin, Mackin.

QUEENS PARK: Jones, Bell, Coyle (1), Finneran, Crothers, Thorpe, Theile, Hammond, Walsh (Innes), Gogic, Gallaway (1) (Sweeney).

KU-RING-GAI v POLONIA 1-1

A goal in the last minute of injury time gave Ku-ring-gai a valuable point to the disgust of the Polonia supporters.

These two giants vying for promotion played a hard fought but exciting match and a share of the points was probably a fair result.

Despite the absence of midfielder Winiarski, Polonia controlled the first 20 minutes of the match in which young striker Anito Budini scored a brilliant goal to give them the lead.

In the second half, Ku-ring-gai came back strongly but their efforts were frustrated with a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Andy Greenfield

A. Lawson, Polonia

who stopped everything Ku-ring-gai threw at him.

Halfway through the second half, Stuart Robinson was sent off following an infringement.

With Polonia set to score an upset and the injury time ticking away Graham Firrel saved the day by scoring with a header following a corner.

KU-RING-GAI: Ellis, Turner, S. Robinson, Malone, A. Robinson (Birdseli), West, Kinsey, Warton, King, Firrell (1), Lyle.

POLONIA: Greenfield, Pesa, Zounis, Lawson, Wszola, Pietrzyk, R. Budini, Prokurat, A. Budini (1) (Sherden), Svarc, Fisher.

REVESBY v WARRINGAH 2-0

Despite the absence of Greg Byles — out injured — Revesby outplayed Warringah and the score is hardly an indication of the game.

In control for most of the game, Revesby did everything but get those goals.

Greg Gill gave them the lead in the 30th minute with a well taken goal after intercepting a long through ball from Lyle Pittman.

Warringah relied on breakaways but only Lester Potts provided some danger.

Midway through the half, Revesby scored the other goal when Bobby Vidler broke through, sending a perfect pass for Kenny Thorpe to seal the result.

REVESBY: Childs, Adams, Pittman, Patterson, Keith Thorpe, Howard, Watson, Gill (1) (Graham Thorpe), Vidler, Ken Thorpe (1), Scully.

WARRINGAH: Poulton, Duncan, Pointer, Selby-Jones, Morris, Dean, Raymond, Diebold, Bailey, Potts, Trotter.

BLACKTOWN v GUILDFORD 2-1

Competition leaders Blacktown had to fight all the way to keep both points at home against bottom of the table Guildford.

Playing their second game under new coach Jim Christie, the Wanderers have shown improvement, quite evident in their play.

Mark Eykelcamp gave Guildford the lead within five minutes when he scored a penalty which was cancelled out 10 minutes later when Blacktown forward Sam Meharg equalised — also from the penalty spot.

In the second half, Blacktown held the edge and with about 20 minutes to go Sam Meharg scored again from a through ball by midfielder Bobby Vincent who, incidentally, played a blinder.

Graham Robinson who played for Arncliffe Scots in the past two seasons has returned to the Guildford Club where he had played for many years before.

BLACKTOWN: James, Hoff, McCloy, R. Ramische (Clarke), Foster, McCulloch, Vincent, Cook (Thomson), Parkinson, Meharg (2), J. Ramische.

GUILDFORD: Nicolaides, Hunter, Binns, Picking (Anderson), Moss, Medcalf, Lowe, Giorgiutti (Fiore), Robinson, Pritchard, Eykelcamp (1).

DIVISION TWO

NS-INTER v GLADESVILLE 2-2

Inter came from behind to snatch their first point of the season against Gladesville-Hornsby.

Scoring within six minutes, Glad-Hornsby set themselves for a win but were stopped in their tracks as Inter improved as the game progressed.

Inter equalised in the 63rd minute when Corado Camuglia scored and went ahead 10 minutes later with a goal from Con Trovato.

The game was pretty even throughout and it was no surprise when Glad-Hornsby came back with 10 minutes to go and scored the equaliser.

NS-INTER: Rokobauer, Gazzo, Pastega, Barroso, Lopez, Trovato (1), Denaro, Denman, Billington, Biason (Bruno), Camuglia (1).

UNI OF NSW v BELMORE 1-2

Two well taken goals by Steve Parkinson and Gary Frakes gave Belmore a good win over University.

Parkinson scored in the 20th minute when he intercepted a high kick by goalkeeper Ridings then eluded the defence to score with a lob over the advancing goalkeeper's head.

University came back after the interval and deserved to equalise with a header from Alan Stacey following a freekick in the 60th minute.

However, Belmore regained the lead within five minutes with a brilliant goal from Gary Frakes who anticipated a perfect pass from Fraser on the left to hit a smashing volley which gave the 'keeper no chance to save.

UNI OF NSW: Ridings, Graham, Stacey (1), Erhardt, Popovich, P. Kelly, Kay, Pengally, J. Kelly, Karwaj, Rootsey.

BELMORE: Hawthorne, Jensen, Murray, Clarke, McMullen, D. Yaager, J. Yaager, Townsend, Fraser (Vergos), Parkinson (1), Frakes (1).

SYDNEY DRAWS

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday: Yagoona v Bathurst, O'Neil Pk.; Wenty v Lethbridge, Centenary Pk.; Bondi v Pt. Hacking, Waverley Oval. **Sunday:** Gladesville Ravens v Nepean, Peel Pk.; Port Hacking v Dee Why, Seymour Shaw; West Ryde v Lane Cove, Waud S.G.; Riverstone v Bondi Marine, Schofield Pk.

FOURTH DIVISION

Saturday: Sydney University v Campbelltown City, St Johns Oval; Ashcroft v Ryde, Stanwell Oval; Padstow Park v Baulkham Hills, Soccer Centre. **Sunday:** Greenwich v Holroyd, Gore Creek; Hurstville Zagreb v North Bankstown, Evatt Park; Fairfield Kiev v Artarmon, Knight Pk. Anzac Day (Tuesday): Sydney University v Fairfield, St Johns Oval; Greenwich v Campbelltown City, Gore Creek; Ashcroft v Artarmon, Stanwell Oval.

FIFTH DIVISION

Saturday: Eastwood Town v Auburn Jnrs., Eastwood Oval; North Rocks v Chelsea, Murray Farm. **Sunday:** Bonnyrigg Eagles v Paddington Spanish, St. Johns Pk.; Haberfield v Kingsford, Beaman Pk.; Maroubra v North Ryde, Coral Sea Pk.; Revesby Rovers, bye. **Tuesday:** Revesby Rovers v Maroubra, Amour Pk; North Rocks v North Ryde, Murray Farm; Bonnyrigg v Auburn, St. Johns Pk.

SIXTH DIVISION

Saturday; Pagewood v Camden, Jellicoe Pk.; Hawkesbury v Fairfield West, North Richmond. **Sunday:** West Holroyd v West St. George, Pendle Hill Pk.; Concordia v Eastern Creek, Hamoney Oval; Canley Hts. v Macquarie University, Kings Pk.; Green Valley v Prospect County, Blamfield Oval. **Tuesday:** West St. George v Fairfield West, Evatt Pk.; Prospect v West Holroyd, Endeavour Pk.; Eastern Creek v Pagewood, Easter Creek Pk.

SEVENTH DIVISION

Saturday: Southern Dists. v Mt. Pritchard, Hoxton Pk.; Moorebank v Edensor Pk., Hammondville Pk.; **Sunday:** Greystanes v Sydney Maccabi, Bathurst St. Pk.; Lakemba RSC v Liverpool Utd., Parry Pk. No. 2; South Sydney v Emu Plains, Booralee Pk.; Chullora v Bankstown Sports, Lockwood Pk.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Toongabbie v Monaro	0-1	5-1	—
Granville v Melita	2-1	0-0	0-1
Sutherland v Yugal	1-0	5-0	5-0
Mv. Olympic v APIA	2-1	1-0	1-4
Manly v Bankstown	2-1	1-0	2-1
Auburn v Croatia	0-1	2-4	—
Arncliffe v Avala	1-0	5-1	0-3

SECOND DIVISION

NS-Int v Glad-Horns	2-2	1-9	0-4
Uni NSW v Belmore	1-2	0-0	0-7
Revesby v Warringah	2-0	2-0	1-3
Ku-ring-gai v Pol	1-1	4-2	1-1
M'ville v Queens P	2-2	4-0	2-4
Blktown v G'ford	2-1	1-1	1-1

THIRD DIVISION

Bondi v Yagoona	2-0	1-4	4-3
Dee Why v West Ryde	0-1	2-2	2-1
Bathurst v Nepean	0-2	1-0	2-1
L'bridge v R'stone	3-3	1-3	4-0
Lane Cove v Wenty	3-0	4-1	2-0

FOURTH DIVISION

Holroyd v Hurstville	1-3	1-2
Campbelltown v Ashcroft	3-1	1-1
Ryde Dist v Greenwich	1-1	0-0
Baulk Hills v F'field Kiev	3-0	2-1
Nth B'town v Padstow Pk	3-0	0-2
Sydney Uni v Holroyd	3-1	2-3

FIFTH DIVISION

Paddington v Haberfield	3-2	2-3
Chelsea v Bonnyrigg	2-3	3-4
Nth Ryde v Revesby Rov	2-5	2-3
Kingsford v Eastwood	2-1	4-3
Auburn Jnrs v Maroubra	3-0	4-0

SIXTH DIVISION

W St George v H'bury	1-3	1-1
Camden v West Holroyd	0-1	0-3
Macquarie Uni v P'wood	1-4	1-2
East Creek v Gr Valley	5-1	3-0

SEVENTH DIVISION

Syd Maccabi v Lakemba	2-2	3-1
Liverpool v Sth Dist	2-1	2-1
Emu Plains v Gr'stanes	3-1	0-4
B'town Sp v Sth Sydney	5-0	5-1
Mr Pritchard v M'bank	2-4	1-5

NSW Federation Official Program

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Division 1

Croatia v Manly ..... Sportsground

Division 2

Queens Park v Uni. NSW ..... Navy Sp. Ground
Gladesville v Blacktown ..... Morrison Bay Park
Belmore v NS Inter ..... Blick Oval

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Division 1

Bankstown v Granville ..... Soccer Centre
Melita v Sutherland ..... Garside Park
Yugal v Mv. Olympic ..... Concord Oval
APIA v Toongabbie ..... Lambert Park
Monaro v Arncliffe ..... Marco Polo
Avala v Auburn ..... Mona Park

Division 2

Guildford v Revesby ..... Guildford Park
Warringah v Ku-ring-gai ..... Graham Res.
Polonia v Marrickville ..... Chopin Park

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 (ANZAC DAY)

Division 1

Granville v Toongabbie ..... Garside
Mv. Olympic v Sutherland ..... Arlington
Manly v Monaro ..... Cromer
Auburn v APIA ..... Mona Park
Yugal v Avala ..... Concord
Croatia v Melita ..... Sportsground
Arncliffe v Bankstown ..... Hurstville

Division 2

Queens Park v Revesby ..... Erskineville
Marrickville v Ku-ring-gai ..... Mackey Park
Polonia v Blacktown ..... Chopin Park
Warringah v NS Inter ..... to be advised
Guildford v Belmore ..... Guildford
Gladesville v Uni. NSW ..... Pioneer Park

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STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

SUTHERLAND v YUGAL 1-0 (0-0)

Sutherland had all of the game, but once again the final pass and their lack of finish caused them to struggle when they should have had a clearcut win. With the exception of Andy Mandrides in goal, the rest of the Yugal team seemed more intent on the man than the ball. Steve Meades, back after a dislocated shoulder, is still not himself and Sutherland desperately need his skills. The game produced some unsavory incidents, which caused the sparks to fly late in the match. It was left to ever keen Paul Smith to come with the winner from a diving header. On this display John Watkiss will have to work to tighten the defensive gaps.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Branson 3, Wykes 4, Schumann 3, Dal Forno 3, Meades 2, Beggs 2, Smith 3, C. Hall 3, Basterfield 3, P. Hall 3 (Watkiss: 68m).

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Radovac 3, Trkulja 2 (Tanoski: 46m, 2), Prgomelja 3, Zaknic 2, Cuk 3, Darac 2, Mihajlovic 1 (sent off), Piper 2 (Trivini: 65m), Stamenkovic 3, Rodas 3.

Goal: 1-0 Smith (72m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 935.

— ROGER DEWICK

TOONGABBIE v MONARO 0-1 (0-0)

It was left to a penalty kick to decide the winner in a thrilling end-to-end encounter in which both teams produced excellent football. In the 56th minute Monaro striker Sebastian Giampaolo was awarded the penalty after a sliding challenge from Laurie Parkhouse was judged to contravene the law. The trusty Giampaolo recovered and slotted the ball past Peter Freeman. Toongabbie dominated play for long periods, but in spite of some great work by winger Larry Armytage they could not get the more favourable result that they worked for and really deserved.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Pena 3 (Taylor: 46m), Gerlo 4, Oldham 4, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, Borwick 3, Pollard 3 (Hammond: 65m), Izatt 3, Ortega 4, Armytage 5.

MONARO: Palec 3, O'Maye 4, De Paoli 3, Cumming 3, Santolin 3, Forwood 4, Lawler 4, Venturelli 3, Giampaolo 5 (Virano: 80m), Burke 4, Morsello 3.

Goal: Giampaolo (56m, pen). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 670.

— DAVE CLARK

ARNCLIFFE v AVALA 1-0 (1-0)

The winning goal came as early as the seventh minute when Chris O'Meara took advantage of a goalmouth scrimmage to score from close range. The game had begun briskly, with Arncliffe settling in the quicker. They went on to dominate the first half and created several good scoring chances which were not converted into goals. Avala came more into their own in the second half, but their strikers Tom Morrow, Alan Griffiths and John Beater did not finish them off. The Scots were good enough to improve at the end, and they deserved a narrow win.

ARNCLIFFE: Cuneo 3, Butler 4, Campbell 3, Walsh 4, Blackburn 3, Cochrem 4 (Smart), O'Meara 3, Bankhead 3, Muscovits 2 (Baker 3), Harrington 3, Henwood 2.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Cirjanic 2, S. Deller 3, Barton 4, Gray 4, Doran 3, Patterson 2 (Jancek 3), P. Deller 3, Morrow 3, Griffiths 2 (Cudek 2), Beater.

Goal: 1-0 O'Meara (11m). **Crowd:** 578.

— LUKE POLLARD

Mv. OLYMPIC v APIA 2-1 (0-1)

Marrickville came with a second half revival and timed their winning goal as late as the 89th minute when Steve Kable drove in an unstoppable shot after receiving from the corner. At that stage APIA would have been in the lead had Ken Lindsay scored from the penalty spot when Billy Griffiths was tripped. APIA's Terry Butler opened the scoring in the 35th minute when he fired in a low, hard shot after a period of pressure. Olympic came back in the second half and Terry Thompson collected a ball in midfield and raced through to drive in from 12 metres. As the climax came Kable went close for Olympic, and Alan Shelldrick was forced to clear from the line from Doyle's header. Then came Olympic's surprise winner.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 4, Kable 4, Shelldrick 4, Penman 3, H. Xipolitas 4, Thompson 3, Balafas 3, Zeros 2 (Karaspyros: 51m, 3), Brown 2, Katholas 4, Nezeritis 2 (Trainofilis: 68m, 2).

APIA: McQuire 3, McGinn 4, McMillan 4, Millar 3, Pullen 3, Lindsay 4, Porter 3, Ruiz 2 (Merrigan: 22m, 2), Butler 4, Doyle 4, Griffiths 2.

Goals: 0-1 Butler (35m), 1-1 Thompson (52m), 2-1 Kable (89m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 512.

— GEORGE STREETER

MANLY v BANKSTOWN 2-1 (0-0)

After a lacklustre first half in which Manly appeared strangely unenterprising and ultra defensive the game improved considerably. The winning goal came one minute into injury time when Banks made good use of Chris Rootsey's backpass. Manly's Greg Toland made a hash of a penalty kick but fortunately for his reputation he made amends to some extent with a later goal. In the 84th minute Bankstown were back on even terms when Paul Thompson got his pass away for Mark Thompson to score. Craig Peck grazed the bar for Bankstown and finally Banks came with the winner.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Dick 3, Doyle 3 (Stuart: 85m), Gosling 3, Stocks 3, Geoghegan 2, Roozendaal 4, Lambert 3 (Thompson: 85m), Toland 2, Banks 3, Geekie 3.

BANKSTOWN: Luxford 3, P. Thompson 3, Morrison 3, Brooks 3, Rootsey 2, Benavente 2 (Trusty: 83m), Ingle 3, Williams 4, Peck 3, Kent 2, Harvey 2 (M. Thompson: 80m).

Goals: 1-0 Toland (81m), 1-1 M. Thompson (84m), 2-1 Banks (90m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 628.

— DON MORRISON

AUBURN v CROATIA 0-1 (0-1)

A draw would have been a better result for this game, which promised so much but gave so little. Croatia's winning goal came in the 11th minute when, with the Auburn defence appealing for offside, Maurice Sullivan sprinted half the field to score despite a last ditch effort by Auburn 'keeper Ron Gisborne to stop him. Both teams made chances galore and missed them, and the quality of the soccer ranged from drab to, on a few occasions, excellent. Greg Smith for Croatia and Terry Bertram for Auburn were the undoubted stars in their respective teams.

AUBURN: Gisborne 3, Sidey 3 (Peters: 78m), McGlynn 3, Bertram 5, Dobson 3, McDonald 4, Piggott 3 (Vidaic: 68m), Hamilton 3, McGrath 4, Reid 3, Tracey 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 3, Gagalji 3, Basic 3, Smith 5, J. Russell 4, Mullen 3, Savor 3, Abonyi 3, Stone 3 (Milan: 33m) (Coleman: 78m), Sullivan 4.

Goals: 0-1 Sullivan (11m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 2143.

— DAVE CLARK

GRANVILLE v MELITA 2-1 (1-1)

Melita Eagles met their first defeat in the competition and they can only blame themselves for the blunder. They not only gave away two gift goals to Granville but squandered enough chances to win by a handsome margin. However, this should not take any credit away from Granville who fought out a 90-minute encounter without let-up, never allowing the more skilful Eagles to settle down properly. Midfielder Billy Fraser played his heart out to keep the Magpies moving but the credit goes to the backline who, under pressure, managed to destroy many of Melita's fine build-ups. Melita's downfall was in the forwards where the trio of Brizuela, Farrugia and McGovern were miles off the target. Brizuela couldn't even score from a penalty which would have given his side the boost it needed.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 4, Selfridge 4, Bigland 3, Lackey 4, Sands 3, Barker 3, Slater 4, Hardec 3 (Scamperle: 65m), Johns 3, Fraser 4, Waldron 4 (McCreanor: 84m).

MELITA: Brackiow 3, Ververis 4, McPherson 4, Yamine 4, Mikas 3, Smith 4, Farrugia 3 (Parker: 71m), McAusland 3, McGovern 3, Drossos 3, Brizuela 3.

Goals: 1-0 Slater (5m, pen), 1-1 McGovern (43m), 2-1 Fraser (86m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 1525.

— CHARLES SPITERI

CROATIA SET SAIL AFTER SHOCK LEADERS

— By Keith Gilmour

They are home to Arncliffe Scots on Sunday and then face Manly at Cromer on Anzac Day in matches that they should, theoretically, win.

APIA-Leichhardt's bid to win this season has taken new heart with the securing of Alistair Link. At present they have only 3 points from 4 matches.

Certainly Renato Colusso and his fellow player with Arezzo, Primo Pasquale, should liven up the team when they arrive from Italy in June for eight matches, an event that will boost the League's performance generally.

BANKSTOWN v GRANVILLE

This is the big chance for one or another contestant to make up ground and head towards a mid-table position.

Jim Zeros, Mv. Olympic

Although Bankstown have home advantage, a big game from Billy Fraser, Granville's stabilising force, could turn the match in their favour.

Bankstown coach Alec Kent wants to see Craig Peck fully motivated to score, and indeed the Towns will gain as soon as Neil Williams reaches his peak in midfield.

At present John Lembryk, Dennis Daley and Bob Usher are all out due to injuries.

If they do not recover Granville have only to keep up the great efforts that they showed in their unexpected win over Melita, who had been challenging Monaro at the top.

CROATIA v MANLY

This Sydney Sports Ground clash on Saturday should see Croatia taking the opportunity to set sail after leaders Monaro.

There has been some laxity in Manly's defence and they can certainly afford to give nothing away as an offering to Atti Abonyi, Maurice Sullivan and Kevin Coleman.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Fortunately for Manly, goalkeeper Chris Cassettari tends to do better when the challenge is greatest, but that is not to say that he should not receive maximum cover from the back wall.

The surfeit of players has posed a more difficult problem for Croatia coach Luke Fabrjanic than might be realised as he has had to reorganise team balance whilst putting more bite into all departments.

MELITA v SUTHERLAND

Garside Park could provide one of the most exciting matches of the round with both teams aiming towards peak performance.

From the Sutherland viewpoint, the Shire seems to function best when Steve Meades and young Peter Hall are in the team, and John Watkiss may well include both of them for this match.

In spite of his enthusiasm, Peter Beggs has not found the net in the League since joining Sutherland from Wollongong, so on his past record in good company goals are now overdue.

He was, however, one of the scorers in Sutherland's Ampol Cup win over the self-same Melita, but Melita coach Raoul Blanco is hardly likely to regard that as an omen. We tip a Sutherland win, or perhaps a draw.

YUGAL v MARRICKVILLE

After being washed out in their first attempt to play at their new home ground, Yugal have the chance to go for a home win against a somewhat disappointing Olympic.

To do so they will have to contain key opposing midfielder Jim Zeros, a player good enough to catch State coach Joe Vlasits' eye and join in the State squad preparing for the match against English First Division side Derby County.

Ian Stone, Croatia

The winner is particularly well concealed because with two teams such as these struggling to find form, one or the other could suddenly hit their straps and go a couple of goals ahead.

Certainly Tony Schwarz' Yugal team have thrown off their 1977 lethargy and are trying to be creative. However, we throw our hat in the ring and go for Marrickville in tight encounter, especially after that morale-boosting win over APIA.

APIA v TOONGABBIE

APIA's bid to win back their support goes into another phase if former Dundee striker Ally Link arrives in time to take the field in this tough encounter against Toongabbie.

With Larry Armytage determined to rip opposing defences to shreds, Toongabbie is looking much more competent, and indeed they should have taken a point from Monaro last Saturday.

Another sign that the going will be tough for APIA is the fact that all the Demons' South Americans are settling into the scheme of things, and there is confidence in the ability of new goalkeeper Peter Freeman.

It is important for APIA's chances of victory that the midfield play strongly because they are lagging in goalscoring, and a good service could see their strikers doing enough to worry Bob Oldham's Toongabbie defence.

MONARO v ARNCLIFFE

Ross Warren's attempts to start the Scots scoring will have to be rewarded if they are to have the remotest chance to topple the leaders at the Marco Polo ground in Queanbeyan.

They have the ability to nullify scoring attempts by their opponents, but they would probably have to look outside present ranks to find the men who could put them on the road to victory with regularity.

Sebastian Giampaolo was a thorn in Toongabbie's side last week and there is no doubt that they will try to run Arncliffe ragged.

Their former Sydney players Tim O'Maye, John Forwood, Alan Burke and Tony Morsello are all proving very important links in their current success, and they are bound to play their part this week in what seems certain to be another Inter victory.

AVALA v AUBURN

Crafty midfield general Willie Hamilton now has had time to settle into the Auburn team after transferring from St George, so an improving display can be expected from them.

At this stage Avala have an evenness and style that Auburn will find it hard to match, but their remains little between them.

Much will depend upon the endeavours of Milan "Kinny" Milovanovic and his fellow midfielders; if they can put their game together with real confidence Avala will find the touch that enabled them to down Croatia a fortnight ago.

The game should bring its share of excitement as both teams have clear aspirations and will not give points away lightly.

REFEREE RESCUED

There were crude and unnecessary scenes at the Sutherland-Yugal game at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday.

A linesman was hit on the head by a stone thrown by a spectator. Police investigated but could not find the sulprit.

Spectators climbed the fence but did not enter the arena when faced by local officials.

A simple dispute between a Yugal player and a linesman was allowed to create another incident, after which Yugal striker Tom Mihajlovic was dismissed by referee Ken Small on the charge of allegedly having spat at the linesman.

The game deteriorated and three Yugal players received cautions.

A considerable band of spectators waited outside the ground, and it was 45 minutes before the police allowed referee Small to leave the ground — in the police car.

This incident calls for a full investigation by the NSW Federation, as the good name of the game in Sydney must not be allowed to be besmirshed by a band of hooligans.

— K.G.

AIRD IS U-16 BOSS

Former Scottish international and Easts Hakoah fullback Jock Aird will coach the NSW under-16 team on its eight-game tour of New Zealand.

The team leaves Sydney on Friday, May 5, at 10.45am, and returns on Sunday, May 28, at 3.30pm.

The selected players are: Michael Browett, Emilio Pettinau (Southern Eastern), Roy Agistino (St George), Mark Beamer, Julian Cuff, John Kelly, Victor Shipley (Nepean), Craig Holland, Scott Morgan, Adam Seckold (Sutherland), Brad Lockwood (Orange), Robert Maconachie, Peter Wall, Peter Vale (Manly), John Martin, Ian Tyerman (Ku-ring-gai), Peter Roden (Gladesville-Hornsby), Paul Waine (Bathurst).

The team managers are Jock Cairns and Eric Drury.

Olympians are sought

A move has been started to see if the State League clubs are interested in promoting a "Soccer Olympics" featuring various athletic events along the lines or the recent Rugby League events.

An efficient organisation would be required with sponsorship and, if possible, television cover.

It would assist if the Philips League clubs were involved.

Is there a faster man around than Marconi's Peter Sharne?

A novel performance would be a North American style shoot-out, which would soon separate the men from the boys!

Toongabbie's Publicity Officer David Clark (Tel 624-8308) is keen to hear from interested clubs and persons.

NSW FED. JUNIORS

UNDER-14

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	3	—	—	12	1	6
APIA	2	—	—	7	1	4
Toongabbie	1	—	—	6	—	2
Marconi	1	—	—	5	—	2
West. Subs.	1	—	—	6	2	2
Marrickville	1	—	1	5	2	2
Blacktown	1	—	1	9	2	2
Sydney Olym.	1	—	—	2	—	2
Auburn	1	—	2	8	12	2
Bankstown	1	—	2	2	8	2
Guildford	—	—	2	1	7	—
Melita	—	—	2	1	13	—
Belmore	—	—	3	1	17	—

UNDER-15

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	3	—	—	28	—	6
Belmore	3	—	—	14	1	6
Melita	2	1	—	11	1	5
Guildford	2	—	—	4	1	4
West. Subs.	1	—	—	9	—	2
Marconi	1	—	—	3	—	2
Sydney Olym.	1	—	—	4	1	2
Bankstown	1	—	2	5	5	2
Blacktown	—	1	1	1	2	1
Toongabbie	—	—	1	—	3	—
Marrickville	—	—	2	1	11	—
Hakoah	—	—	3	—	12	—
Auburn	—	—	3	1	19	—
Avala	—	—	2	—	23	—

UNDER-16

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	3	—	—	9	1	6
APIA	2	—	—	4	1	4
Auburn	2	—	1	5	5	4
Hakoah	2	—	1	8	8	4
Belmore	1	—	2	8	4	2
Blacktown	1	—	1	4	2	2
Sydney Olym.	1	—	—	2	—	2
Toongabbie	1	—	—	1	—	2
Guildford	1	—	1	1	5	2
Marconi	—	—	1	—	1	—
West. Subs.	—	—	1	1	2	—
Melita	—	—	2	1	8	—
Marrickville	—	—	2	—	9	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Under-14: APIA v Blacktown 2-1, Bankstown v Guildford 2-1, Hakoah v Melita 5-1, Auburn v Belmore 6-1.

Under-15: APIA v Blacktown 1-0, Guildford v Bankstown 2-1, Hakoah v Melita 0-8, Auburn v Belmore 1-4.

Under-16: APIA v Blacktown 2-1, Bankstown v Guildford 2-0, Hakoah v Melita 5-1, Auburn v Belmore 3-1.

Avala v Western Suburbs and Marconi v Marrickville were washed out. Toongabbie v Sydney Olympic to be played on April 16.

Argentina '78 Argentina '78 Argentina '78 Argentina '78 Argentina '78 Argentina '78

Argentina can't afford to fail at home

— By Andrew Dettre —

Using a racing parlance, it's four-to-one the field with no certainties, no outsiders and two good teams doomed to elimination after what seems certain to be thrilling battles.

MATCH DATES, TIMES

(Sydney times in brackets — all the following day)

JUNE 2:	
Hungary v Argentina (Buenos Aires)	4 pm (5 am)
France v Italy (Mar del Plata)	2.45 pm (3.45 am)
JUNE 6:	
Argentina v France (Buenos Aires)	4.15 pm (5.15 am)
Italy v Hungary (Mar del Plata)	2.45 pm (3.45 am)
JUNE 10:	
Italy v Argentina (Buenos Aires)	4.15 pm (5.15 am)
France v Hungary (Mar del Plata)	2.45 pm (3.45 am)

GROUP 1

It is surprising that FIFA has agreed to the creation of this tough group, with all the bizarre "seedings" and fiddlings, as even the host team, Argentina, could bleed away.

And if Argentina were wiped out, the rest of the World Cup would be staged in a cemetery-like atmosphere, possibly leading to severe financial embarrassment.

No matter how you analyse this group, Argentina becomes the focus of attention.

For some 40 years now they have been dreaming about a World Cup win and this is their big chance, in front of a totally fanatical crowd where few referees will be game enough to "upset" the hosts.

I saw in 1966 and again in 1974 how hairline refereeing decisions always seemed to favor the home teams when the chips were down, helping in no small measure England and Germany to finish the series with a triumph.

On top of that, they have grabbed themselves the same advantage England had in 1966 — they play all their early matches in Buenos Aires, from where the majority of their players hail, without the need to travel between the three games.

And then, finally — they have a good team built up by Luis Cesar Menotti.

Argentina has been in squad training since early March and unless the players get sick of each other in the long run-up, they will be fit, forming a cohesive unit.

How many other countries could even face a World Cup without players such as Babington, Piazza, Kempes, Wolff and Bianchi, all world stars but not likely to be recalled from Europe?

But in Bertoni, Houseman, Luque, Passarella, Galvan, Galiego and others, they have some brilliant performers.

Their first match against Hungary could be a crucial one: defeat would take them a giant step closer to elimination.

Almost certainly they will play cautiously and, in front of their demanding, noisy fans, nervously, probably for a draw, hoping to pick up the necessary points in the remaining two matches.

Hungary are one of the dark horses of the Cup, tipped by some, even Scotland manager Ally McLeod, as the likely winners.

Much as I would like to see my former compatriots succeed where they so unluckily failed in 1954, I cannot see that happening.

The big question with Argentina is not so much their ability as their suspect temperament.

True, Hungary has been rebuilding its soccer set-up for some years now, under the "dictatorship" of president Istvan Kutas and the benign brilliance of coach Lajos Baroti.

They have come a long way since the early 1970s when no Hungarian team was able or even willing to "mix it" with physically stronger sides.

However, they labor under one enormous handicap which, I think, will lead to their undoing: they are only State professionals, without the rigid demands of West Europeans — and also without their incentives.

Not that they lack ability, of course. Hungarians have always had that in more generous proportion than most others.

They still like to "play" this game with flair and color; few others, even the Brazilians, can improvise better and add a new dimension to a match.

But they lack the hardiness of the English, the method of the Germans and the bloody mindedness of the Italians to win when it counts.

And this is what the World Cup is all about; not a lovely exhibition or two but a series of close, hard, nerve-wrecking games in which teams have to strive to reduce the "bad luck" element to a minimum.

Contrary to widespread beliefs, the present Hungarian team is merely new but not "young" in years and this, making up for maturity, will be in their favor.

But their two shining stars are both 22 and they could turn the Cup upside down: Tibor Nyilasi, a tall, elegant midfielder from Ferencvaros, and Andras Torocsik, a short, powerful yet technically super-polished virtuoso. Both are destined for stardom.

In defenders Toth and Kereki, midfielder Pinter — the dynamo of the team — and left winger Varady, Hungary has the players to do quite well.

They usually handle France and Italy capably but their 1-5 defeat against Argentina early in 1977, 24 hours after their arrival from Budapest, still rankles.

Hungary would have to win one and draw the other two matches to get through and they pin their hopes on draws against Argentina and Italy with a win over France. And this, if nothing more, could be within their reach.

France — Les Bleus — have gone through a very major revival in the last two or three years, largely due to the efforts of a brilliant coach, Michel Hidalgo, and the exploits of a club team, St Etienne.

Tradition they had plenty — but, in true French fashion, this was intermingled with too much nostalgia for the "great days" of the late 1950s when France last had a great team.

The old pining for superstars such as Kopa, Fontaine, Piantoni, Joubert and Remetter, expressed in Paris bistros over a bottle of Beaujolais, was not linked to drastic action to bring those days back.

Until recently, that is. Hidalgo, himself a former great, decided to mix the customary French elegance with speed and power, blending a new and successful style.

Last year, on their South American tour, they held both Brazil and Argentina to draws — then early April beat Brazil in Paris, surely an enormous morale booster.

An earlier draw in Naples against Italy, their group rivals, was another feather in their cap and proof that this French team is capable of reaching the same heights as the one in the 1950s did, finishing third in the 1958 World Cup.

Two years ago the most shining star in France was St Etienne's Dominique Rocheteau but since then he has declined, partly due to a series of injuries.

His place has been taken over by that great young midfielder from Nancy, Michel Platini, the conductor of the French orchestra.

Platini, on the shopping list of many wealthy Italian and Spanish clubs, knows everything there is to know about the game — plus he is the deadliest taker of freekicks on the Continent.

Fortunately for Hidalgo, Platini is not the only fine player he can count on.

In colored defender Tresor and Janvion, midfielders Michel, Bathenay and Baroncheli, the rediscovered Berdoll and the fine left winger Six — as well as the talented but injury prone Rocheteau — coach Hidalgo has what amounts to a very balanced, skilled team.

To some extent, their lack of regular scorer could turn into a big handicap, as midfielder Platini won't be able to carry this burden alone.

Less good can be said about Italy which we have learned to suspect when the chips are down.

Amazingly enough, age could again be manager Enzo Bearzot's main headache: goalie Zoff and centreback Facchetti are both about 35 and well past their peak.

The Italian teams that lost at Wembley to England and then were held to a draw by France in Naples can't fill any of their ardently patriotic tifosi with any confidence.

In Tardelli they have unearthed a brilliant new defender while in Bettega and that Florentine "God", Antognoni, they have two superb ball-players — but neither has a taste for a fight.

Up front they have the busy, elusive little Causio and that fine Turin striker, Graziani.

However, they will enjoy a great crowd support — except in their match against Argentina — from the capital's enormous Italian-born population.

It's a big question whether any of their current idols can emerge during the matches as a true leader: perhaps Bettega has that hidden quality.

• NEXT WEEK: Group II (West Germany, Poland, Mexico, Tunisia).

Houseman

ARGENTINA

Population: 23,000,000
Registered players: 224,000
Qualification: Qualified as host country.
Manager: Luis Cesar Menotti.
Best team: Fillol-Tarantini, Killer, Passarella, Pagnanini-Gallego, Ardiles, Vila-Bertoni, Kempes, Houseman.
In World Cup finals: 1930, 1934, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1974.
Finalist: 1930 (2-4 to Uruguay)
Quarterfinalists: 1966, 1974.

Bertoni

Fazekas

HUNGARY

Population: 10,000,000
Registered Players: 157,000
Qualification:

Greece v Hungary	1-1
Hungary v USSR	2-1
USSR v Hungary	2-0
Hungary v Greece	3-0
Hungary v Bolivia	6-0
Bolivia v Hungary	2-3

Manager: Lajos Baroti
Best team: Gujdar-Torok, Kereki, Kocsis, Toth-Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori-Fazekas, Torocsik, Varady.
In World Cup finals: 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1966.
Finalists: 1938 (2-4 to Italy), 1954 (2-3 to Germany).
Quarterfinalists: 1934, 1962, 1966.

Torocsik

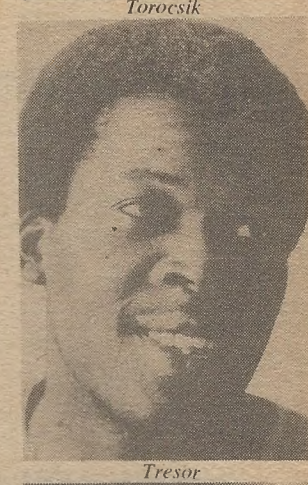
Platini

FRANCE

Population: 52,000,000
Registered players: 1,200,000
Qualification:

Bulgaria v France	2-2
France v Eire	1-0
Eire v France	1-0
France v Bulgaria	3-1

Manager: Michel Hidalgo.
Best team: Rey-Janvion, Tresor, Rio, Bossis-Bathenay, Platini, Baroncheli-Rocheteau, Lacombe, Six.
In World Cup finals: 1930, 1934, 1938, 1954, 1958, 1966.
Semifinalist: 1958.
Quarterfinalist: 1938.



Tresor

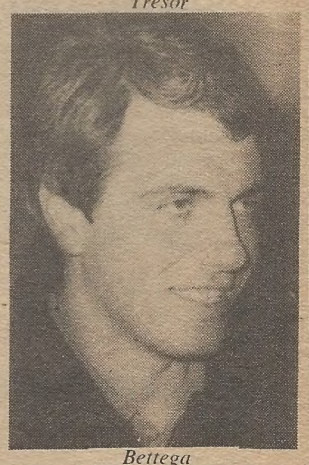
Causio

ITALY

Population: 54,000,000
Registered players: 710,000
Qualifications:

Luxembourg v Italy	0-3
Italy v England	2-0
Finland v Italy	0-3
Italy v Finland	6-1
England v Italy	2-0
Italy v Luxembourg	3-0

Manager: Enzo Bearzot
Best team: Zoff-Tardelli, Mozzini, Facchetti, Gentile-Antognoni, Benetti, Zaccarelli-Causio, Graziani, Bettega.
In World Cup finals: 1934, 1938, 1950, 1954, 1962, 1966, 1970, 1974.
Finalists: 1934 (2-1 over Czechoslovakia), 1938 (4-2 over Hungary), 1970 (1-4 to Brazil).



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